(c) Certain irregularities were detected. Action as per law is being taken in all these cases.

West Asia Peace Talks

6726. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to participate in the West Asian Peace talks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if no, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the countries that are participating in the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALFIRO): (a) India will be happy to participate in the West Asian peace talks if it is invited to do so.

(b) and (c). The details would be known only when India is invited.

(d) Names of countries participating in the different phases of the talks are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

List of countries that participated in West Asia Peace Talks - Bilateral and Multilateral phases

1. USA - Co-sponsor
2. RUSSIA - Co-sponsor
3. ISRAEL
4. JORDAN
5. ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
6. CHINA
7. JAPAN
8. CANADA
9. TURKAY
10. SYRIA
11. LEBANON
12. PALESTINE
13. UKRAINE
14. SPAIN

In addition to the above listed countries, Representatives of the following organisations also attended the talks:–

1. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
2. EFTA
3. GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL
4. ARAB MAGHREB UNION

Refined Sunflower 'Dhara' Oil

6727. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has launched 'Dhara', a refined sunflower oil in Karnataka in one litre tetra packs;

(b) if so, the cost of this pack; and

(c) the quantify of refined sun flower oil 'Dhara' proposed to be supplied to Karnataka during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The NDDB has launched Dhara Refined Sunflower Oil in Karnataka in one litre tetra packs in February, 1992.

(b) The maximum retail price of the oil is Rs. 42 per pack of now litre.

(c) At the present rate, NDDB has a capacity to supply 400-500 MT of Refined Sunflower Oil per month to Karnataka. However, the actual quantities to be supplied would depend on the market demand.

Prawn Production in Goa

6728. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for prawn culture in Goa;

(b) if so, the assistance given during 1991-92 to Goa;

(c) the total export of prawn from Goa during the last three years;

(d) the amount spent on prawn hatcheries in Goa during each of last three years; and

(e) the action plans frame up to increase the production of prawn in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Goa has a potential for development of prawn culture in about 10,000 ha. brackishwater area.

(b) During 1991-92, a sum of Rs. 50.75 lakhs was given as Central assistance for development of prawn culture in the State.

(c) The total export of marine-products including prawn from Goa during the last 3 years is about 2030 tonnes.

(d) The amount spent on prawn hatchery at Benaulim in Goa during the last three years is as follows:-

		(Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	:	27.50
1989-90	:	52.90
1990-91	:	91.84

(e) The Action on Plan framed up for increasing the prawn production in Goa include:-

(i) establishment of a Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agency covering North and South Goa, for providing a package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp farmers;

(ii) Commission of a commercial prawn seed hatchery at Benaulim, with a capacity for production about 25 million tiger prawn post larvae per annum;

(iii) establishment of a demonstration-cum-training centre for imparting training to shrimp farmers at Charao;

(iv) provision of assistance to various categories of shrimp farmers for construction of semi-intensive shrimp farms, shrimp seed hatcheries and feed mills; etc.